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[REDACTED] Proposal Regarding Production of Agreed

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[REDACTED] Intelligence Estimate of

Threat to North America

25X1C The attached copies of letters from Mr. Dulles to the Chairman,

[REDACTED] and the Secretary of Defense, bearing on the [REDACTED] 25X1C

proposal regarding preparation of an agreed [REDACTED] 25X1C

estimate on the threat to North America, are forwarded for information.

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Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR : The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT : Preparation of Estimate for North  
American Defense Command

REFERENCE : My letter to you dated 9 May 1958

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1. I enclose a copy of my reply to [REDACTED] letter furnished you by reference. For your convenience I also enclose an additional copy of the basic paper.

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25X1C 2. As you will see, [REDACTED] are ready to proceed with the estimate required by CINCNORAD. We only await receipt of the terms of reference and specification of the scope and timing of the estimate through the respective military chains of command. I assume that you will be in direct communication with the appropriate [REDACTED] authorities 25X1C and that you will advise me of your joint decision when reached.

/s/  
ALLEN W. DULLES  
Director

May 29, 1958

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I have your letter of May 5th proposing the development of an agreed estimate on the threat to North America by the [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] U. S. Intelligence Advisory Committee. This matter has been under earnest consideration by myself and my colleagues on the Intelligence Advisory Committee and is also under study in the U. S. Department of Defense.

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There is no question in our minds as to the desirability of our [REDACTED] reaching agreement to the maximum extent possible on the nature and magnitude of the threat that NORAD has been established to meet. At the same time it seems clear that the terms of reference to be given the estimators [REDACTED] must come to them through appropriate command channels. This requires agreement in principle and development of procedures [REDACTED]

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I am, therefore, prepared now to state that the Intelligence Advisory Committee stands ready to do its part toward the production of such an agreed estimate. I have so communicated with the Secretary of Defense, furnishing him with copies of our correspondence in order that necessary action to perfect the required procedures may be taken.

In order to get forward as rapidly as possible with the accomplishment of this exercise, we have been engaged in a review of all the evidence bearing on Soviet heavy bomber and long-range guided missile programs and should have our revised estimate in suitable form for exchange with you early next month. I am hopeful that

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such an exchange of views will disclose that the differences which have existed between us have been substantially narrowed. The procedures [REDACTED] to attempt to iron out such differences as remain can be worked out when we determine what they are and receive the NORAD requirements [REDACTED]

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With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

/s/  
Allen W. Dulles  
Director

May 29, 1958